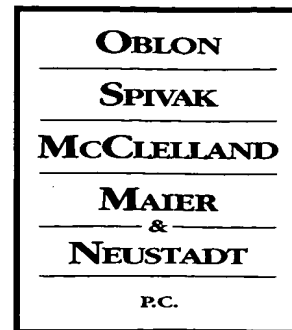


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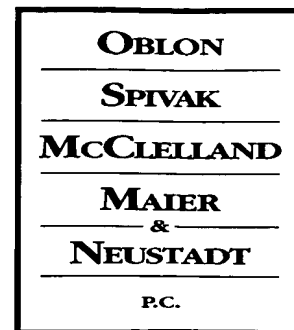
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In accordance with MPEP § 713.04, Applicants respectfully assert that the following remarks, in conjunction with the Interview Summary mailed on March 18, 2004, provide a complete and proper summary of the personal interview conducted with Examiner McDermott on February 26, 2004.

Initially, Applicants express thanks for the courtesies extended by Examiner McDermott to Applicants' representative during the interview.

During the interview, Applicants presented two (2) video files for the Examiner's review and consideration. The video files demonstrated the installation of Applicants' invention, as well as the effectiveness of Applicants' invention during earthquake simulations.



Applicants respectfully assert that each of the pending Claims 1-40, as listed in the Amendment filed on February 9, 2004, was discussed, with emphasis on the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully assert that each of the references applied in the rejections of the independent claims in the Office Action mailed October 8, 2003, were discussed, including the references listed on the Interview Summary.

As stated above, Applicants presented the claims as listed in the Amendment filed on February 9, 2004, for consideration by and discussion with the Examiner.

During the interview, Applicants discussed the remarks submitted in the Amendment filed on February 9, 2004. These remarks include the discussion of the claimed features of a high-ductility covering material having an initial elastic modulus lower than an elastic modulus of concrete.

Additionally, differences between the applied references and the claimed features recited in the claims were discussed.

Applicants respectfully assert that agreement was not reached with the Examiner. The Examiner stated that the Amendment filed on February 9, 2004, would be considered, however, and an additional search would be performed.

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Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's indication if the record is not complete and accurate, and earnestly solicit an early and favorable response to the previously filed Amendment.

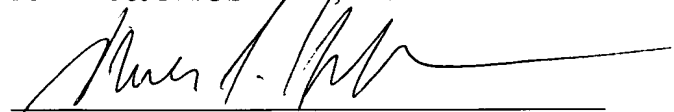
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